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CITY OF BOSTON,
INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, February 1, 1912.

HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,—The Institutions Registration Department respectfully submits its fifteenth annual report for the year ending January 31, 1912.

Commitments of the insane were as follows:

Boston State Hospital	370
Danvers State Hospital	87
Westborough State Hospital	128
Taunton State Hospital	9
Worcester State Hospital	104
Monson State Hospital	10
Total	<u>708</u>

The commitments to Foxborough State Hospital numbered twenty-eight. The policy of sending patients to Foxborough who are willing to go without commitment proceedings has been continued and found to work well.

During the year 417 persons were sent to the psychopathic ward of the Boston State Hospital. Of this number 284, or 68.1 per cent, were afterwards committed.

These 417 patients were sent as follows:

Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 34, on warrant	4
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 43, for observation	16
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 44, temporary care	22
Chapter 395, Acts of 1911, temporary care	84
Chapter 307, Acts of 1910, sent by police	291
Total	<u>417</u>

There were sent to the Relief Hospital, Haymarket square, 112 persons suffering with delirium tremens. These persons as a rule are sent by the police to the City Prison or House of Detention and there examined by a physician attached to this department, and, if found to be in need of treatment, are then sent to the Relief Hospital. The number, 112, represents less than one-half the number that were formerly sent to the Deer Island Hospital. The reason for this is that many of this class are sent to the psychopathic ward, Boston State Hospital, it not being known at the time whether they are suffering from the effects of liquor or whether they are insane.

The physicians attached to this department made 866 medical examinations during the year.

INVESTIGATIONS OF SETTLEMENTS.

All applications for admission to almshouses are made to this department and the assistants are called upon to make many outside investigations, not only for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information to determine the settlement but to get other facts for properly disposing of applicants. Considerable routine work devolves upon the department which cannot easily be shown in figures.

For the year ending January 31, 1912, 6,085 settlements were investigated.

Persons were sent to the institutions as follows:

State Infirmary	2,267
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	1,396
Almshouse, Charlestown	66
Total	<u>3,729</u>

CHANGES.

Mr. William P. Fowler, who served the city as Institutions Registrar since 1899, and at his own request served without compensation, resigned November, 1911, and, though our official relations have terminated, our personal friendship continues, and we shall long be grateful for his many acts of kindness, and he takes in his retirement from the department the best wishes of the department.

FINANCIAL.

The total amount of the appropriation was \$21,200; amount expended, \$20,602.33.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. GAYNOR,
Institutions Registrar.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Salaries	\$14,162 62
Medical attendance	2,936 00
Transportation	1,263 30
Horse keeping	1,596 18
Printing	230 78
Office expenses	57 08
Postage	61 50
Telephone	154 74
Food	61 95
Stationery	78 18
Total	<u>\$20,602 33</u>

Investigation of Settlements, etc., Medical Examinations and Commitments of Insane, Epileptics and Dipsomaniacs; Admissions to Almshouses, 1911=12.

DURING THE WEEK ENDING	Number of Investigations.	Number of Outside Investi- gations on Applications for Admission.	Number of Investigations on Application for Admis- sion of Children.	Number of Applications Withdrawn.	Number of Applications Refused.	Number of Medical Examina- tions.	ADMISSION TO ALMSHOUSES.				Totals.	COMMITMENTS.									GRAND TOTALS.	
							State Infirmary, Tewksbury.	Almshouse, Long Island.	Almshouse, Charles- town.	Psychopathic Ward.		Boston State Hospital.	Danvers State Hospital.	Westborough State Hospital.	Taunton State Hospital.	Worcester State Hospital.	Foxborough State Hospital.	Monson State Hospital.	Total.	Admissions and Commitments.	Settlements Inves- tigated.	
1911. February	4.....	118	30	5	9	10	62	30	1	92	3	6	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	12	104	118
	11.....	137	35	4	8	15	66	34	...	101	3	7	6	...	8	...	...	...	...	24	125	142
	18.....	122	28	9	10	18	56	28	...	84	1	6	4	...	10	...	...	...	...	19	103	136
	25.....	115	21	10	6	20	43	19	1	63	1	11	12	...	7	...	1	...	...	35	98	128
March	4.....	107	26	7	8	17	46	26	...	72	2	3	9	...	7	...	2	...	...	24	96	121
	11.....	74	17	3	5	16	32	17	...	49	...	2	8	...	2	...	4	...	...	13	62	86
	18.....	110	23	11	7	11	50	21	2	73	...	5	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	19	92	131
	25.....	101	24	9	11	15	46	22	1	69	1	3	4	...	...	1	6	...	...	11	80	114
April	1.....	119	28	11	8	14	49	28	...	77	5	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	100	131
	8.....	131	25	14	13	10	54	24	...	78	1	8	4	...	1	1	2	...	...	25	103	153
	15.....	89	18	7	8	19	43	17	1	61	1	2	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	13	74	102
	22.....	108	25	14	7	18	42	24	2	67	1	7	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	20	87	127
May	29.....	100	25	9	7	6	41	22	1	65	1	7	7	...	...	...	2	...	...	18	83	107
	6.....	122	26	7	16	25	45	24	1	70	7	4	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	28	98	136
	13.....	118	29	13	15	18	39	24	5	68	3	3	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	22	90	131
	20.....	120	27	14	13	20	40	26	1	67	1	7	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	26	93	129
June	27.....	109	16	12	7	13	41	15	1	57	...	8	12	...	1	...	3	...	...	33	90	119
	3.....	93	17	9	3	17	30	15	2	47	8	8	11	...	...	...	7	...	...	34	81	116
	10.....	99	22	7	7	25	38	21	...	59	3	4	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	25	84	121
	17.....	99	32	11	1	13	29	30	1	60	2	5	8	...	...	...	7	...	...	20	80	122
	24.....	125	29	16	7	19	40	28	1	69	3	10	12	...	...	...	6	...	1	33	102	142

INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

July	1.....	123	27	6	8	...	22	53	25	2	80	3	11	11	4	...	...	...	29	109	134																		
	8.....	95	35	11	1	1	14	29	27	4	60	3	4	5	4	...	...	...	19	79	106																		
	15.....	106	34	9	7	3	19	26	29	2	57	3	9	10	9	...	1	...	30	87	131																					
	22.....	117	41	11	12	3	15	33	37	1	71	...	5	9	5	...	...	...	20	91	129																		
August	29.....	86	21	11	8	2	11	23	17	2	42	...	7	9	8	...	...	1	23	65	96																			
	5.....	104	23	15	9	...	15	32	23	...	55	2	...	7	3	6	...	1	25	80	121																					
	12.....	90	19	12	7	1	18	33	18	...	41	7	11	8	3	5	1	29	70	107																						
	19.....	78	17	9	10	2	19	39	18	...	57	5	8	9	1	5	...	1	19	76	109																					
September	26.....	103	22	12	11	2	23	22	13	2	37	...	4	1	4	...	...	...	21	58	91																		
	2.....	77	24	9	8	2	11	33	16	...	53	1	9	9	11	5	...	...	28	81	132																			
	9.....	119	28	11	12	...	17	18	23	1	42	2	11	12	7	3	...	...	31	65	94																			
	16.....	103	29	9	12	...	16	37	25	3	65	3	12	12	7	5	...	...	23	96	132																			
October	23.....	112	26	9	8	1	21	21	28	1	50	2	11	11	7	2	...	1	36	86	124																					
	30.....	99	25	11	10	...	25	42	24	2	67	5	11	7	2	...	...	...	33	100	124																		
	7.....	116	28	12	14	...	8	36	23	...	61	1	7	9	11	2	...	2	30	90	136																					
	14.....	126	34	11	14	2	22	32	31	1	70	4	6	12	6	4	...	...	29	99	131																			
November	21.....	125	30	17	13	1	16	47	29	...	76	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	18	94	139																		
	28.....	127	42	14	9	...	14	49	42	...	91	1	3	4	4	...	2	...	13	104	137																					
	4.....	166	39	21	10	1	13	52	26	1	79	...	8	8	11	3	1	23	102	141	141																					
	11.....	138	38	11	12	1	17	50	34	2	95	3	13	9	9	...	...	...	39	134	174																		
December	18.....	111	39	8	10	3	16	31	34	2	87	2	11	9	8	5	...	...	27	90	156																			
	25.....	139	35	14	10	2	8	61	32	1	94	3	9	5	5	...	...	...	23	113	161																		
	9.....	138	35	12	11	...	22	55	34	1	90	1	13	4	4	...	7	...	19	115	142																					
	16.....	125	31	5	10	...	17	50	30	1	81	...	12	9	7	...	...	...	25	110	139																		
January	23.....	150	33	9	11	1	17	64	30	2	96	4	12	7	...	...	...	...	33	129	162																	
	30.....	160	38	11	8	...	16	78	36	2	116	1	7	9	9	...	3	...	25	141	171																					
	6.....	140	43	15	7	3	14	54	37	3	94	...	7	7	9	3	...	...	21	115	156																			
	13.....	138	33	9	22	...	18	60	33	...	93	1	6	6	5	...	...	...	14	107	151																		
Totals.....	27.....	165	45	14	14	...	17	67	44	1	112	...	11	9	3	...	...	25	137	181	82																			
	31.....	69	20	6	8	1	3	23	19	...	42	1	6	6	3	...	...	12	54																					
1912.																																										
Totals.....																					6,085	1,505	559	489	43	866	2,267	1,396	66	3,729	112	417	370	87	128	9	104	28	10	1,265	4,994	6,821

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